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REPORT

OF THE

AUDITORS OF ACCOUNTS,

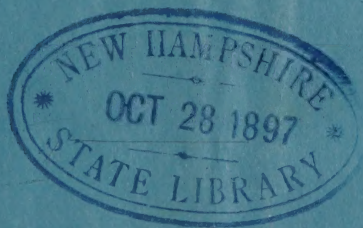
AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMPSTEAD. N. H.

For the Year Ending March 1, 1873.



HAVERHILL:

DAILY AND WEEKLY BULLETIN STEAM PRINTING WORKS.

1873.



TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

By cash of C. W. Bailey, Treasurer, 1871,	\$2230 66
for dog tax,	72 00
Mark Sanborn's abated tax,	4 12
of A. H. Davis, N. H. Little's abated tax,	4 12
of State Treasurer, municipal war loan bonds,	7000 00
“ “	41 67
interest on State bonds, transf. to Sam ^l Thompson,	49 58
“ “ “ “ J. F. Johnson,	14 20
interest on \$4000 to July 1, 1872,	120 00
“ “ January 1, 1873,	120 00
of State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax,	440 32
“ “ Railroad Tax,	192 05
“ “ Literary Fund,	119 70
for the use of Town Hall,	29 25
of County for support of paupers,	85 90
of Lyman Drake, unexpended highway tax,	1 34
of C. W. Bailey, Collector, 1871, taxes,	220 81
“ interest on the same,	35 97
of R. K. Brickett, Collector, 1872,	5700 00
“ interest on the same,	15 14
“ for taxes, 1869,	29 57
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	\$16,526 40

DISBURSEMENTS.

To paid State Tax,	\$618 00
County Tax,	1021 23
School House Tax, District No. 3,	75 00
“ “ “ “ 6,	225 00
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	\$1939 23

SCHOOL MONEY.

To paid School District, No. 1,	\$237 69	
" " No. 2,	369 40	
" " No. 3,	154 41	
" " No. 4,	274 09	
" " No. 5,	101 27	
" " No. 6,	133 20	
" " Nos. 7 and 8,	158 08	
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SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

To paid Jacob Irving, board of Hannah Irying,	\$78 00	
A. W. Ayer, support of	" "	156 00
Nora B. Burrill,	" "	45 75
Mary S. Keezer,	" "	54 00
James Burrill,	" "	39 00
Wm. P. Brown,	" "	86 29
Transient paupers,	7 25	
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To paid Notes and interest,		\$6499 84

PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

To paid F. A. Pike,	\$3 00	
James Ricker,	3 00	
Daniel Nichols, 1871 and 1872,	6 00	
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REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

To paid Wm. Ayer,	Dist. No. 1,	\$75 00.	
J. J. Tabor,	" " 2,	76 04	
Caleb Moulton,	" " 3,	146 79	
L. Drake & D. N. Hoyt,	" " 4,	120 00	
J. D. Ordway,	" " 5,	136 56	
Orin Hall,	" " 6,	57 00	
Jona. Alexander,	" " 7,	68 33	
Orin P. Chandler,	" " 8,	25 62	
Alouzo Ferren,	" " 9,	65 00	
B. L. Pillsbury,	" " 10,	70 19	
M. H. Johnson,	" " 11,	15 00	
E. R. Noyes, Brown Hill Road,		46 00	
		<hr/>	\$901 53

SNOW PATHS.

To paid F. A. Pike,	\$2 00	
Orrin Hall,	4 10	
all other orders,	17 18	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

To paid Wm. Little, services as Moderator,	\$5 00
N. C. Smith, " "	6 00
A. W. Foote, Town Clerk, 1871,	3 00
H. C. Eastman, " "	27 35
E. W. Pepper, Constable,	8 70
E. W. Bullard, School Committee,	25 00
R. K. Brickett, Collector and Treas.,	102 44
J. W. Garland, for pauper business,	6 00
D. N. Hoyt, " "	12 25
John W. Garland, Selectman,	56 00
Edward R. Noyes, " "	45 00
Daniel N. Hoyt, " "	43 00
expenses of Auditors and Collector,	9 50
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	\$349 24
To paid Ithamar Eaton, undertaker,	\$17 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

To paid S. Morse, A. H. Davis, and E. R. Noyes, selectmen for 1871, for money advanced in building Town Tomb,	\$121 77
A. J. Hoyt, for printing reports for 1871,	22 15
A. H. Davis, for getting report printed,	3 50
J. J. Tabor, for ringing bell,	38 00
" " for wood for Town Hall,	7 69
J. Noyes & Co., glass and keys for Town Hall,	3 99
D. H. Emerson, repairs on Town Hall,	3 00
T. Little, labor and plank for bridge,	2 60
Kneeland & Brunell, stove for Town Hall,	17 00
C. Warren, freight on stove,	75
Jos. Avery, damage to horse on Brown Hill road,	80 00
Geo. Hide, damage to horse by defective highway,	10 00
A. W. Chandler, for sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
Heirs of L. Johnson, award for land damage for highway,	37 00
J. W. Garland, costs of indictment on Brown Hill Road,	8 25
J. W. Garland, blank book and stationery,	4 25
" " expense to Concord to get State Bonds,	5 00
R. K. Brickett, time and expenses to Concord to pay State Tax and stationery,	5 50
J. W. Garland, horse hire,	6 00
D. N. Hoyt, " "	10 50
E. R. Noyes, " "	3 00
Dog Tax in treasury,	\$42 00
N. H. State Bond,	4000 00
Cash in treasury,	447 40
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	\$16,526 40

RICHARD K. BRICKETT,

Treasurer of Hampstead.

The undersigned having examined the foregoing account find it correctly cast and satisfactory vouchers corresponding with the same.

MOSES HOYT,
NELSON ORDWAY, } *Auditors.*
CALEB MOULTON, }

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The amount of indebtedness, being outstanding notes against the town, with accrued interest, \$24,962 86

Assets as follows:

Due from C. W. Bailey, collector, 1871,	\$201 61
" " R. K. Brickett, " 1872,	2026 51
" " United States bounties,	810 00
N. H. Loan Bond in treasury,	4000 00
Cash in treasury,	447 40
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	\$7485 52
Balance, being town debt,	<hr/>
	\$17,477 34

Indebtedness reported last year,	\$26,144 04
" at the present time,	17,477 34

Reduction of Town Debt the past year,	\$8666 70
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State Bonds 7041.67

1625.03

Outstanding notes last year 29727.73

" " *This year* 24962.86
" " *notes made int pd* " " 6499.84

31462.70
29727.73

1734.97

29727.73

1783.6638

17477.34

104864.24

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

MOSES B. LITTLE, Prudential Committee.

1st Term.—Miss Mary A. Clement, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; scholars, 21; average attendance, 17 67-74; loss of time, 128 days; cost of school, \$52.00.

Miss Clement, though a beginner, did good service. Her scholars made good progress. The register, however, got badly marked. Not a single name came off with a clean record.

2nd Term.—Miss Sarah M. Davis, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; scholars, 22; average attendance, 19; loss of time, 120 days; cost of school, \$56.00.

Miss Davis had taught here before with special acceptance, and has well sustained her former reputation. There was a gain in the tone of the school and improvement in the record. Tardy marks went down from 40 to 26, dismissals from 67 to 12, and there were 12 not absent against eight of first term.

3rd Term.—Miss Abbie A. Johnson, teacher. The school is still in session.

The teacher who began this school proved himself unequal to the task. Miss Johnson took the vacant post, and under her wise and energetic management, the school is doing well.

DISTRICT No. 2.

N. E. SMITH and EBEN TABOR, Prudential Committee.

1st Term.—Miss Sarah E. Irving, teacher; length of school, 10 weeks; scholars, 65; average attendance, 53 19-25; loss of time, 562 days; cost of school, \$110.00; neither tardy nor absent, 7; not absent 11; not tardy, 41.

2nd Term.—Same teacher; length of school, 11 weeks; scholars, 64; average attendance, 53; loss of time, 605 days; cost of school, \$121.00; neither tardy nor absent, 9; not absent 12; not tardy, 35.

3rd Term.—Same teacher. School still in session.

Miss Irving has taught in this district seven terms, and they say she grows better every term. Be that as it may, her schools the present year have been progressive. And yet such packing to get all the scholars into the school-room, and such an incessant *whirl* of the classes

to give each a hearing. The pressure for time has been somewhat relieved by remitting certain recitations to the elder scholars. But the question of *space* is a more stubborn thing to deal with.

Doubtless this district can make a proud display of "boys and girls playing in the streets," but how deaf to the children crying in their ears, "The place is too straight for us: give us place that we may dwell."

DISTRICT No. 3.

JOHN MARBLE, Prudential Committee.

1st Term.—Miss Lucy A. Bullard, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; scholars, 20; average attendance, 19; loss of time, 40 days: cost of school, \$44.00: neither tardy nor absent, 3: not absent, 10: not tardy, 8.

2nd Term.—Same teacher; length of school, 8 weeks: scholars, 25: average attendance, 21 1-2: loss of time, 140 days: cost of school, \$52.00: neither tardy nor absent, 4: not absent, 6; not tardy, 13:

3rd Term.—Same teacher; length of school, 5 weeks: scholars, 26: average attendance, 22 1-5: loss of time, 95 days: cost of school, \$32.50: neither tardy nor absent, 10; not absent, 14: not tardy, 15.

Miss Bullard had nearly the same pupils four terms in succession, including a private school last winter. Each term was pleasant and profitable. The last was cut short by reason of a prior engagement, which necessitated the teacher's leaving town sooner than was expected.

DISTRICT No. 4.

WARREN GEORGE, Prudential Committee.

1st Term.—Miss Hattie A. Tilton, teacher: length of school, 11 weeks: scholars, 22: average attendance, 19: loss of time, 165 days: cost of school, \$82.25: neither tardy nor absent, 3: not absent, 4: not tardy, 14.

2nd Term.—Same teacher; length of school, 9 1-2 weeks; scholars, 20: average attendance, 13 1-3: loss of time, 312 days: cost of school, \$71.25: neither tardy nor absent, 4: not absent, 4: not tardy, 15.

A portion of the scholars did not take kindly to the teacher, especially during the second term, and consequently the school was of small benefit to them. But others were interested in their studies and made fine progress, thereby doing justice to their teacher and honor to themselves.

3d Term.—Miss Persis H. Poore, teacher. This school has several weeks more to keep. Miss Poore has taught here before; the scholars believe in her, and the school is in an excellent condition. We had a very enjoyable time with this school at Christmas. The Christmas tree, decorations, singing and speaking, were all in fine taste. Though the house was crowded with small and great, young and old, the evening seemed all too short.

DISTRICT No. 5.

HORACE ADAMS, Prudential Committee.

1st Term.—Miss Laura A. Merrill, teacher: length of school, 9 weeks: scholars, 11: average attendance, 8: loss of time, 135 days: cost of school, \$45: neither tardy nor absent, 3: not absent, 3: not tardy, 8.

2d Term.—Same teacher: length of school, 10 weeks: scholars, 12: average attendance, 10: loss of time, 100 days: cost of school, \$50: neither tardy nor absent, 4: not absent, 5: not tardy, 6. Miss Merrill

made a good beginning as a teacher. Her pupils acquitted themselves with credit, but with so small numbers and so short schooling we can hardly expect in them high degrees of enthusiasm.

DISTRICT No. 6.

THOMAS M. ARNOLD, Prudential Committee.

1st Term.—Miss Bella Moulton, teacher; length of school, 8 weeks; scholars, 21; average attendance, 20 3-16; loss of time, 20 days; cost of school, \$48; neither tardy nor absent, 8; not absent, 11; not tardy, 14.

2d Term.—Same teacher; length of school, 12 weeks; scholars, 26; average attendance, 21 37-60; loss of time, 263 days; cost of school, \$72; neither tardy nor absent, 2; not absent, 5; not tardy, 9. These were profitable terms, conducted wisely and well. A majority of the pupils were studious and made good progress. Another good term would have been more to their advantage than either of those which they enjoyed.

DISTRICT No. 7.

WALDO HEATH, Prudential Committee.

1st Term.—Miss Annie L. Browne, teacher; length of school, seven weeks; scholars, 31; average attendance, 26 17-35; loss of time, 158 days; cost of school, \$50.75. This school was a bad failure.

2d Term.—Miss S. J. Nichols, teacher; length of school, 13 weeks; scholars, 29; average attendance, 22; loss of time, 455 days; cost of school, \$87.75; neither tardy nor absent, 6; not absent, 7; not tardy, 22. The teacher and scholars made common cause in repairing the loss of the first term and retrieving the former reputation of the school. They were quite successful in their noble aims, and the school closed in good spirits.

The foregoing sketch of the several schools, indicate in part at least, their conditions during the year.

One district has disappeared from our list, No. 8 having been united to No. 7. These schools are still in session, a fact that adds embarrassment to the preparation of the annual report, and detracts from its value. Why may not the terms be so arranged as to bring them all to a close at the latest, by the middle of February?

The teachers, with the exceptions noted, have been competent, devoted and acceptable, while the general progress of the scholars and the good order, harmony and prosperity of the school, reflect honor upon all parties. Attention is called to the loss of school-time by the absence of scholars, by tardiness and dismissals. 3298 school days, equal to 659 weeks, or 164 months, have been lost during the year by the absence of scholars belonging to our schools. This aggregate will be increased by the records of the schools now in session. The loss through tardiness and dismissals cannot be so readily ascertained, but is very heavy. Nor does this loss fall alone on the absent, the tardy and those who get dismissed before school is out. The schools are disturbed, classes deranged and impeded, the time and attention of the teachers diverted, and their labors made the more arduous and the less effective. Surely it concerns us all, and especially the parents, to see to it that the children have the benefit of all the schooling furnished for them—see to it that they are not absent without imperative necessity, and that they neither reach the schools too late or leave them too early.

Some of the teachers have given the names of scholars who have not been absent, tardy or dismissed. I will transcribe the names of those

who have been neither absent nor tardy during the whole year. In No. 2, Clara T. Fisher, Etta F. Tabor, Maggie M. Maly, Mira J. Copp, and Elwood F. Shannon. In No. 3, Lillie Hoyt, Hattie Irving, and Nellie Hassell. In No. 5, Amanda I. Wilson, Willie C. Wilson, and Charles F. Adams. In No. 6, Ida M. Arnold, Lizzie H. Johnson, and Abbie M. Webber.

The registers also give the names of those who have visited the school. The list is not nearly so large as it should be. A judicious visitation of the schools during their progress as well as at their close, especially by the parents, would greatly encourage the teachers and stimulate the scholars.

It still remains true that changes are needed in several of the text-books, but in prospect of the speedy inauguration of a High School in town, it has been thought best to go on with the old books til changes can be made in accord with the course of study adopted in that school.

In conclusion, your Committee would remark that all classes of our scholars appear to be much exercised about that school. Even the youngest classes say that they mean to hurry on with their studies to be ready to *go up* to the High School, while older scholars are eager the town should hurry forward the work lest they should fail of a chance in that coming institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. W. BULLARD,

School Committee of Hampstead, N. H.

Hampstead, Feb. 22, 1873.

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